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Title: Terminology of Infernalism - Vol I

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A thick, black leather
bound tome with solid
silver clasps.

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Absolute, the :

The eternal
consciousness of the
Void; the living
darkness from which
all things come.
Known by many
names and hidden to
all but the most
insightful
Infernalists, the
Absolute is greater
than the gods and
devils of the earth put
together, and is, in
fact, the source of
them all.

Adversary :

Literally, "one who
turns against". Often
used to describe Satan,
it also defines "the
Satan within", the
impulse to oppose
virtue and civility. By
attuning himself with
the inner adversary,
an Infernalist sets
himself against
goodness and nurtures
his darker urges.

Aesfotedia :

Infernally tainted
Tass; demon-essence.
Often said to be

distilled in Hell, but just as often refined by exquisite hatred or suffering.

Ahriman :

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In Zoroastrianism, the Adversary; long ago, some Nephandi called themselves Ahrimanites. Later, the term came into use as the name for a Nephantic cabal (an Ahriman), so called because all of the member's were considered part of the Adversary's body

Ahrimanites :

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Followers of the Adversary, ancient Nephandi.

Assumption :

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The final step of the Path of Screams, in which the infernalist becomes one with the Darkness and leaves humanity behind.

Asward :

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An anti-saint. Among the Nephandi, a subtle master of the Dark Arts and the truths behind them.

Barabbi :

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A Nephantic turncoat who renounces some other fellowship and joins the Fallen willingly.

Black Magick :

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Spells or rituals cast out of malice and intended to cause harm. See maleficia.

Caul :

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The "Gate of Dark Rebirth" in which a Nephandus has her soul turned inside-out. Also a bit of placenta that sometimes covers the face of newborn babies who are said to possess uncanny powers.

Decandendi :

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Rake-hells and libertines who indulge in blasphemy, demonism, and sensuality for kicks.

Deep Lords of Misrule :

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Legendary "ghost-oracles" of darkness and chaos. Sentient fragments of the Primal Void, said to occupy a null-space beyond the heavens and the gods. Sometimes regarded as the breaths of the Absolute, its attendants, or both.

Demon :

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Generic term for an intelligent, malicious spirit. Although often associated with anti-Christian Infernalism, demons can be found all over the world, in a multitude of forms. Early germ theory even attributes the cause illness to these malicious spirits, naming them "demonets".

Divine Chain of Being :

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In Christian theology,  
the order of things.  
As ordained by God,  
all things in Heaven,  
Earth, and Hell are  
ranked in hierarchies  
that define their place  
in the Divine scheme.  
Supposedly, this  
system keeps disorder  
in check; thus,  
Infernalists love to  
break the chain

Dregvat :

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A low-ranking
Nephandus. Also
known as a pawn.

Fallen :

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A proper descriptor  
for one who has  
chosen the Path of  
Screams over the  
roads to virtue or  
Enlightenment. Based on  
the rebel angels, who,  
with Lucifer,  
rejected Heaven in  
favor of a Hell of  
their own design.  
Despite its Christian  
origin, the term fits  
Infernalists of all  
kinds and cultures.

Foedus Infernus :

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The pact of demonic
service and servitude.
Plural, Foderis.

Gallu :

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"Demons". Sometimes  
used as a name for  
ancient Infernalists.  
Also a title among the  
Nephandi.

Gilledian :

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One of a small but
influential group of
Nephandi who seek to
unite the Fallen. Also

known as a Div.

Gnostic :

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A heretic (or heretical idea) that claims the Biblical God is really the Demiurge (Satan), and that the only true salvation comes through pure knowledge and defiance of the Demiurge's laws and Church.

God of the Book :

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The One God revered by Jews, Christians, and Muslims; called Lord of Israel, Allah, Jehovah, Yahweh, God the Father, and so forth.

Grimoire :

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A text of magick, usually of the blacker variety.

Host, The :

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Wafer and wine of the Catholic Holy Communion; thought to become the body and blood of Jesus, the Host is often desecrated by those who wish to defile Jesus and his Church.

Investment/
Investiture :

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Inhuman power granted to an Infernalist in return for some service or Pact. Also the process of receiving such powers.

Jacquerie :

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The "Jacks", a
fiendish sect of
French mercenaries.
Supposedly hunted to
extinction in the
1300's, they went
underground and
founded several
Infernal cults in
France.

Khristos :

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"The Anointed One",  
that is, Jesus of  
Nazareth. Greek root  
of "Christ".